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A.—There is no rule or order prohibiting the employment of brothers in the same department, nor do the Government think such employment necessarily objectionable.

Criminal Justice.

Reversion of acting sub-magistrates.

231 *Q*.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an order passed by the Board of Revenue reverting an acting sub-magistrate is final ;

(*b*) if not, whether the Government will act upon the recommendations of the Collector when he thinks that a reverted sub-magistrate is fit to be restored ;

(*c*) how many acting sub-magistrates among Christian Nadars were reverted within the last five years in Ramnad district ; and

(*d*) whether the Government have passed final orders in all those cases ?

A.—(*a*) The officer has a right of appeal to Government.

(*b*) The Government will exercise their own judgment with reference to the merits of the case.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) No case is pending with Government at present.

Irrigation.

Irrigation distributing channels.

* 232 *Q*.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the construction of notches in the irrigation distributing channels in the Godavari delta is retarding proper supply of water to tail ends ; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that local officials found the system of working by notches a failure ?

A.—Certain reports have recently been received which are under examination.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know with reference to the answer that is given if the hon. Member will be pleased to state, after the examination is over, if the working has been a failure or otherwise ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Yes."

Second-crop zone in the Gôdāvari Western delta.

* 233 *Q*.—Mr. M. SEETAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether, pending the formation of the second-crop zone, darkhast applications for land in the Gōdāvari Western delta have been kept in abeyance for several years ?

A.—The Government have no information, but have called for it.